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[Boswell, Ervin S.]

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Farm Family of the Week

12:25-1:00 p.m.

FOR Howard Langfitt

TIME Fri. Jan. 8, 1960

BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

VIDEO

AUDIO

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO WINSTON COUNTY AGENT, CLAUDE MING AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MRS. MARY YOUNG FOR THEIR VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY AND FOR GOING WITH ME TO THEIR FARM ON A VERY DREARY, RAINY DAY TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY WHICH I AM NOW GOING TO TELL. I WANT TO SAY, FIRST OFF, THAT THIS FAMILY WAS CHOSEN IN DECEMBER AS THE OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY IN THE WINSTON COUNTY RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. ERVIN S. BOSWELL AND THEIR DAUGHTER, ANN, WHO LIVE IN THE CALVARY COMMUNITY OF WINSTON COUNTY WHERE THEY OWN AND FARM 200 ACRES OF LAND. IN FACT, ERVIN HAS LIVED ON THIS LAND MOST OF HIS LIFE. HE WAS BORN JUST TWO AND A HALF MILES AWAY AND HIS FAMILY MOVED TO THIS VERY FARM SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS BORN. MRS. BOSWELL WAS, BEFORE HER MARRIAGE, MISS MARGARET CALLAHAN AND GREW UP IN PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI. SHE AND ERVIN BOSWELL MET WHEN SHE CAME TO LOUISVILLE TO TEACH SCHOOL. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1938. SHE IS STILL TEACHING SCHOOL IN ADDITION TO HER HOMEMAKING DUTIES. SHE HAS TAUGHT FOR 25 YEARS, 13 YEARS IN THE LOUISVILLE SCHOOL. THE BOSWELL FAMILY HASN'T ALWAYS LIVED IN THIS LOVELY HOME.

SLIDE FARM-1  
FAMILY

SLIDE FARM-2  
HOUSE

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AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-3  
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-4  
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-5  
CATTLE

SLIDE FARM-6  
BULL

IN FACT, THEY JUST COMPLETED IT AND MOVED INTO IT THIS PAST YEAR. THEY TORE DOWN THE OLD HOME AND MOVED ACROSS THE ROAD AND LIVED WITH ERVIN'S BROTHER UNTIL THIS HOME WAS COMPLETED. IT IS MODERN IN EVERY WAY AND A REAL JOY IN WHICH TO KEEP HOUSE AND MAKE A HOME. IF YOU DRIVE DOWN HIGHWAY 25 FROM LOUISVILLE TO CARTHAGE YOU'LL SEE THIS LOVELY HOME ABOUT SIX MILES SOUTHWEST OF LOUISVILLE. IT SETS ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY. ERVIN BOSWELL HAS FARMED ALL HIS LIFE AND HIS PROGRAM TODAY IS BASICALLY THE SAME ONE HE STARTED WHEN HE MARRIED IN 1938.

HOWEVER, YOU WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE IT FOR THE SAME THROUGH THE YEARS HE HAS CONCENTRATED ON IMPROVING HIS PROGRAM OF CATTLE, COTTON, CORN AND HOGS AND WHILE HE KNOWS THERE IS MUCH YET TO BE DONE THE ERVIN BOSWELL FAMILY HAS MADE SOME TREMENDOUS STRIDES. HE HAS ALWAYS HAD SOME CATTLE AND HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED A COMMERCIAL COW AND CALF PROGRAM SELLING HIS CALVES MILK FAT OFF THE COW. HE HAS IMPROVED HIS HERD PARTLY THROUGH PURCHASES OF BETTER COWS AND PARTLY BY SAVING HIS BEST HEIFERS FOR HERD REPLACEMENT. SOME YEARS HE HAS FED OUT SOME CALVES BUT HE DETERMINES HIS FEEDING PROGRAM BY THE MARKET PRICE. HE HAS 35-40 HEAD OF CATTLE. 25 OF THEM BROOD COWS. HE USES A

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REGISTERED HERKFOORD BULL IN THE BREEDING PROGRAM

VIDEO

~~AND GETS ABOUT A 95% GALT CROP. ERVIN BOSWELL~~  
AUDIOSLIDE FARM-7  
HOGSSLIDE FARM-8  
HOGSSLIDE FARM-9  
CORNSLIDE FARM-10  
CORN FIELD

WOULD LIKE EVENTUALLY TO HAVE 75 HEAD OF CATTLE AND INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE WHAT HE HAS AND WORK TOWARD THAT GOAL. HE HAS HAD AS MANY AS 60 HEAD AT TIMES. ERVIN HAS ALSO BEEN RAISING HOGS ALL HIS LIFE. HE HAS FIVE REGISTERED DUROC SOWS AND IS SAVING EIGHT GILTS FOR NEXT YEAR. SOME YEARS HE KILLS AS MANY AS TEN HOGS FOR HOME USE AND TO SELL HAMS TO FOLKS IN THE AREA. HE HAS NEVER GONE THROUGH A WINTER WITHOUT KILLING AT LEAST SIX. ERVIN HAS ONE FARROWING CRATE AND FARROWS TWO LITTERS PER YEAR. ONE OF THE THINGS HE PLANS TO DO THIS YEAR IS TO BUILD ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN MORE OF THEM. ERVIN AVERAGES SAVING ABOUT 8 PIGS TO THE LITTER. HE WEANS THEM AT EIGHT WEEKS AND MARKETS THEM AT ABOUT 200 POUNDS. HE WORMS AND VACCINATES HIS HOGS AND IS PROBABLY AT THE MAXIMUM RIGHT NOW. THE NUMBER OF HOGS HE RAISES DEPENDS ON THE MARKET OF COURSE. ERVIN BOSWELL RAISES ENOUGH CORN FOR ALL HIS LIVESTOCK PROGRAM AND HAS SOME TO SELL. HE PLANTS 75 ACRES AND HIS YIELD AVERAGES ABOUT 75 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. THE CATTLE GET HAY AND GRAIN IN THE WINTER AND OF COURSE THE HOGS ARE CARRIED THROUGH TO MARKET ON GRAIN. AFTER THE CORN IS PICKED ERVIN GRAZES HIS STOCK FIELDS TO GET FULL USE FROM THEM. THEN AFTER THE LIVESTOCK HAS

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### AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-11  
MEN IN PASTURE

SLIDE FARM-12  
PASTURE

CLEANED UP THE FIELDS ERVIN BOSWELL FOLLOWS ANOTHER VERY GOOD PRACTICE. HE KNOCKS THOSE STALKS DOWN AND DISCS THEM IN. ERVIN ALSO RAISES COTTON AND THIS PAST YEAR HAD 35 ACRES WHICH AVERAGED A BALE AND A QUARTER TO THE ACRE. HE HAS THREE FAMILIES ON THE PLACE WHICH HANDLE THE COTTON ON THE SHARES. ERVIN HAS ALWAYS RAISED COTTON AND IS ONE OF THE BETTER COTTON PRODUCERS IN WINSTON COUNTY. HE RECALLS THAT A HALF BALE USED TO BE A GOOD YIELD. NEXT YEAR HE'S PLANNING TO SHOOT AT TWO BALES TO THE ACRE ON ALL HIS CROP. OF COURSE GRAZING IS A VITAL PART OF THIS LIVESTOCK PROGRAM. ERVIN GRAZES THE HOGS AND CATTLE IN SEPERATE PASTURES. WINTER GRAZING CONSISTS OF OATS...ABOUT 25 ACRES WHICH HE GRAZES TILL MARCH AND THEN TAKES THE CATTLE OFF AND LATER COMBINES ENOUGH FOR SEED AND CUTS THE REST FOR HAY. HE PUTS UP ABOUT 12000 BALES OF OATS AND LESPEDEZA HAY. PERMANENT PASTURE COSNSISTS OF 35 ACRES WHICH HAS BEEN IMPROVED BY LIMING AND PROPER FERTILIZATION ACCORDING TO SOIL TEST. IT IS PRIMARILY DALLIS AND BERMUDA GRASS, WHITE DUTCH CLOVER AND LESPEDEZA. YOU CAN SURE TELL FROM THESE PICTURES IN THE PASTURE JUST WHAT KIND OF WEATHER I HAD THE DAY IT TOOK THE PICTURES. I WISH IT HAD BEEN A NICE DAY



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SLIDE <u>FARM-13</u> POND	BECAUSE THE BOSWELL FARM IS FAR SUPERIOR TO WHAT THESE PICTURES CAN SHOW. WATER FOR THE LIVESTOCK IS SUPPLIED FROM THREE STOCK PONDS SIMILAR TO THIS AND A SPRING FED BRANCH WHICH IS NEVER DRY. ERVIN BOSWELL IS A COMPLETELY
SLIDE <u>FARM-14</u> MACHINE SHED	MECHANIZED FARMER, THOUGH HE DOES OWN THREE MULE AND AM MARE. WHAT'S MORE HE HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PROPERLY PROTECT HIS VALUBBLE MACHINERY IN THIS MACHINE SHED. HE HAS TWO TRACTORS AND ALL THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE ROW-CROPPING AND PASTURE PROGRAM HE CARRIES OUT. ERVIN BOSWELL ALSO HAS ABOUT 50 ACRES IN TIMBER, MOSTLY PINE, WHICH HE THINS AND SELECTIVELY HARVESTS. FROM HIS TIMBER HE CUTS HIS OWN FENCE POSTS AND HAS THEM CREOSOTED IN LOUISVILLE AT THE CREOSOTING PLANT. OVER THE YEARS SINCE HE WAS A BOY ERVIN HAS CLEARED ALL THE PLACE EXCEPT TEN ACRES AND HE HAS DONE IT BY HAND. ERVIN BOSWELL WORKS VER
SLIDE <u>FARM-15</u> TIMBER	CLOSE WITH HIS COUNTY AGENT, CLAUDE MING, ON THE LEFT, AND WITH OTHER AGRICULTURAL AGENCIES IN THE COUNTY. HE SEEKS THEIR ADVICE AND THEN TRIE TO FOLLOW IT TO THEBEST OF HIS ABILITY. AS I SAID IN THE BEGINNING, MRS. BOSWELL TEACHES SCHOOL IN LOUISVILLE....AND HAS FOR 13 YEARS. SHE IS THIRD GRADE TEACHER. SHE ALSO CARRIES ON
SLIDE <u>FARM-16</u> TWO MEN	
SLIDE <u>FARM-17</u> FREEZER	

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## VIDEO

## AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-18  
CANNED FOOD

SLIDE FARM-19  
KITCHEN

SLIDE FARM-20  
SEWING

SLIDE FARM-21  
THREE WOMEN

AN EXCELLENT HOMEMAKING PROGRAM, WITH THE VERY  
SUE  
CAPABLE HELP OF DAUGHTER ANN, OF COURSE, AND  
ALSO OF HER VERY FINE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT,  
MRS. MARY YOUNG. FROM THEIR TWO ACRES OF  
GARDEN, SOME OF IT YEAR ROUND, MRS. BOSWELL EACH  
YEAR FREEZES ABOUT 2,000 POUNDS OF FOOD, COUNTING  
THE MEAT OF COURSE. MRS. YOUNG SUMS IT UP IN  
THESE WORDS...ANYTHING THEY NEED AND WANT, THEY  
HAVE. IN ADDITION SHE PUTS UP ANOTHER 300 JARS  
OF FOOD...THINGS LIKE PICKLES, AND JAMS AND JELLIES,  
TOMATOES, BEANS AND JUICES. THIS FAMILY  
LOVES TO EAT AND MRS. BOSWELL SEES TO IT THAT  
THEY HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD AT ALL TIMES. SHE ALSO  
LOVES TO COOK AND SHE'S A GOOD ONE....BUT WHO  
WOULDN'T LOVE TO COOK IN THIS BEAUTIFUL KITCHEN.  
SUE  
SHE AND DAUGHTER ANN, ON THE RIGHT, ARE BOTH  
EXCELLENT COOKS. THEY LOVE THEIR NEW HOME AND  
ESPECIALLY THIS KITCHEN, WHICH IS COMPLETELY  
MODERN. MRS. BOSWELL AND SUE ANN BOTH SEW ALSO.  
THEY BOTH DO MUCH OF THEIR OWN SEWING AND MAKE  
MOST OF THEIR DRAPERIES AND CURTAINS. THEY BOTH  
ENTER BOTH FOOD AND CLOTHING IN THE COUNTY FAIR  
EXHIBITS. SUE ANN MADE 75 EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR  
THIS PAST FALL AND MRS. BOSWELL MADE 45. MRS.  
BOSWELL AND 16 YEAR OLD SUE ANN SEEK THE ADVICE  
OF THEIR HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MRS. YOUNG

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AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-22  
GIRL AT PIANO

SLIDE FARM-23  
GIRL AT DESK

CAMERA ON FAMILY

AND THEY USE THAT ADVICE TO IMPROVE THEIR HOME MAKING AND FARM LIVING. WITH THE HELP OF MRS. YOUNG THEY KEEP COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS IN THE HOME MAKING PROGRAM AND IN SUE ANN'S 4-H CLUB WORK. MRS. YOUNG TELLS ME SUE ANN IS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING 4-H CLUB MEMBERS IN WINSTON COUNTY AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR SIX YEARS. SHE IS SECRETARY OF HER SCHOOL 4-H CLUB AND IS SECRETARY OF THE COUNTY JUNIOR 4-H CLUB COUNCIL AMONG HER 4-H CLUB PROJECTS ARE FOOD, CLOTHING, HOME GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION, FROZEN FOODS, PERSONALITY IMPROVEMENT, GARDEN, SAFETY, HEALTH, HOME IMPROVEMENT, LEADERSHIP AND ELECTRIC. SUE ANN WON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE INSTRUMENT DIVISION OF THE 4-H TALENT PROGRAM THIS PAST YEAR. HER PRINCIPLE PROJECT IS ELECTRIC. SHE PLANNED ALL THE WIRING FOR THEIR HOME AND HAS DEVELOPED THIS RECOMMENDED STUDY AREA. SUE ANN IS A JUNIOR AT LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL...A MEMBER OF THE BETA CLUB, GLEE CLUB, GIRL'S CHORUS, GIRLS SEXTETTE AND ETUDE DRAMATICS CLUB. MR. AND MRS. ERVIN BOSWELL AND DAUGHTER ARE MEMBERS OF THE CALVARY COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE SUE ANN IS CHURCH PIANIST AND MRS. BOSWELL IS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. SHE IS ALSO VERY



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AUDIO

ACTIVE IN THE CALVARY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB AND PARTICIPATES IN ALL THE COUNTY AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES....SUCH AS THE VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SHOWS AND THE DRESS REVUE. SHE AND SUE ANN WERE COUNTY WINNERS AND ONE OF THE DISTRICT WINNERS IN THE COTTON DRESS REVUE. MRS. BOSWELL WAS COUNTY KITCHEN CONTEST WINNER IN 1959. THE FAMILY IS ACTIVE IN THE CALVARY COMMUNITY RURAL DEVELOPMENT CLUB. THE FAMILY BELONGS TO THE FARM BUREAU. MRS. BOSWELL AND SUE ANN DESIGNED THEIR LOVELY HOME. I COULD TALK ON AT GREAT LENGTH ABOUT THIS FINE WINSTON COUNTY FAMILY BUT NOW I WANT YOU TO MEET THEM.

1. HOW DOES YOUR COTTON PRODUCTION TODAY DIFFER FROM BACK IN THE THIRTIES?
2. HOW MUCH DO YOU RECKON YOUR PER ACRE PRODUCTION HAS INCREASED OVER THE YEARS?
3. HOW MUCH HAS THE COST OF PRODUCTION INCREASED?
4. MRS BOSWELL, WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR HOME? WHAT ARE THE GREATEST CHANGES FROM THE WAY YOU USED TO DO?
5. SUE ANN, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS AFTER SCHOOL?
6. DO YOU WORK OUTSIDE ANY WITH THE LIVESTOCK?
7. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD RATHER LIVE IN TOWN?